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Subject: Treaty on the Demarcation of the Frontiers and
Navigation of the Rivers Common to and Between
Colombia and Venezuela.

DIRECT AIRMAIL

The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

1/ I have the honor to refer to my despatch no. 1478
of April 5, 1941, file no. 715, forwarding the text of
the Treaty on the Demarcation of the Frontiers and Navi-
gation of the Rivers Common to and Between Colombia and
Venezuela signed between these two countries on April 5, 1941
and to enclose herewith a special bulletin of the Ministry
of Foreign Relations of Colombia which contains the
speeches of the Presidents of Colombia and Venezuela,
editorial comments by the Bogota newspapers, and a short
resume of the antecedents of the treaty.

Yesterday afternoon, following the return of Dr.
Luis Lopez de Mesa, Foreign Minister, I had the opportunity
to congratulate him personally on the signing of this
treaty and he very kindly suggested that he would like
later to tell me about the treaty at greater length.

It will be of interest to the Department, I believe,
to know that Sr. Gonzalez Fernandez, Secretary General
of the Foreign Ministry, has been good enough to tell me

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in confidence that the negotiations which were carried on followed almost exactly the plan which Dr. Lopez de Mesa first set his mind upon when he entered the Cabinet as Foreign Minister. The Minister's study of this whole region and of the problem had been carried out in such minute manner that he was probably better informed than any other party concerned.

That there is universal satisfaction among the Colombians is clearly evident.

Respectfully yours,

Gerald Keith
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

Enclosure:
1. Special Bulletin

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